

**CLAIMS**

1. A reciprocating compressor for a refrigerator comprising:  
a hermetic container having a suction pipe and a discharge pipe connected  
5 thereto;

a driving unit having a stator fixed inside the hermetic container and a  
mover disposed spaced apart from the stator and linearly and reciprocally moved  
by interaction with the stator when power is applied to the stator;

an HFC refrigerant sucked into the suction pipe, being hydrogenated  
10 carbon fluoride and not including chlorine;

a compression unit for compressing the HFC refrigerant upon receiving a  
reciprocal motional force generated from the driving unit;

an ester-based lubricant, a sort of synthetic fluid, filled at the lower portion  
of the hermetic container and having a high moisture absorption and a saturated  
15 water amount of 1500~2000 PPM; and

a lubrication unit for supplying the ester-based lubricant to each motional  
portions of the driving unit and the compression unit and making a lubricating  
operation.

20 2. The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the stator consists  
of an outer stator fixed at the hermetic container; an inner stator disposed with a  
certain air gap with an inner circumferential surface of the outer stator; and a  
winding coil wound at one of the outer stator and the inner stator, to which power

is applied from an external source, and

the mover consists of a magnet disposed between the outer stator and the inner stator and being linearly and reciprocally moved when power is applied to the winding coil; a magnet frame having magnets mounted thereon; and a piston  
5 connected to the magnet frame and compressing a fluid while being linearly and reciprocally moved.

3. The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the compression unit comprises:

10 a piston connected to the mover and linearly and reciprocally moved;  
a cylinder, into which the piston is slidably inserted, for forming a certain compression chamber;

a suction valve mounted at a refrigerant passage formed at the piston and preventing a backflow of the refrigerant after being introduced into the  
15 compression chamber; and

a discharge valve mounted at a front side of the cylinder and performing an opening and closing operation on a compressed refrigerant.

4. The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the lubrication unit  
20 comprises:

a lubricant pumping unit for pumping the ester-based lubricant filled as much as a certain amount at a lower portion of the hermetic container; and

a lubricant supply passage for supplying the ester-based lubricant pumped

by the lubricant pumping unit into a frictional portion between the piston and the cylinder.

5        5.        The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the refrigerant has a zero ODP (ozone depletion potential) and incombustible.

6.        The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein HFC134a with a purity of above 99.9%, a molecular formula of  $\text{CF}_3\text{CFH}_2$  and a molecular weight of 102 is used as the refrigerant.

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7.        The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the lubricant has a density of  $0.93\sim 0.99 \text{ g/cm}_3$  at a temperature of  $15^\circ\text{C}$  and a total acid number of below  $0.01 \text{ mgKOH/g}$ .

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8.        The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the lubricant has a flash point of below  $240^\circ\text{C}$  and a kinematic viscosity of  $10.0\sim 22.5 \text{ mm}^2/\text{s}$  at a temperature of  $40^\circ\text{C}$ .

9.        The reciprocating compressor of claim 1, wherein the lubricant  
20        contains additives such as a stabilizer, an antioxidant and the like.